



Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2003, 6:30 p.m.
5th Floor Large Conference Room

Members Present: Manuel Carrasco, Jay Dyer, Jacob Hernandez, Tom Martin, Ernie Hautala, Erin House, Christina Duran, Marie Leggette, Wivory Brandle, Claudia Johnson

Members Excused: Barbara Brown, Rita Norton, David McNiel, Randy Akes, Jr., Richard Burns, Phyllis Wells, Jaime Hurtado, Dana Kruckenberg, Nancy Hart

Members Unexcused: Shelly Moore

Guests: Ned Cooney, Paul Chavez, Brenda Cornell

Staff: Kaitlyn Phuong Nguyen, Senior Office Specialist, Eva Yakutis McNiel, Director of Office of Neighborhoods

1. Welcome and Self-Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Manuel Carrasco at 6:40 p.m. Self-introduction of members and guests followed.

2. Approval of Minutes: Manuel Carrasco, Chairman

Motion to approve minutes of February 3, 2002. Motion carried.
(Martin/Johnson/Carried)

3. Presentation: Homeless Advisory Committee co-chair, Ned Cooney

Mr. Cooney gave a brief description of the Homeless Advisory Committee, walked the board through the report that will be presented tomorrow evening to the city council, and answered questions posed by the board members.

4. Subcommittee reports

a. Riverside Neighborhood Conference subcommittee

Eva Yakutis McNiel gave the report on behalf of the committee members. No meeting took place this month with RNP members. Office of Neighborhoods staff has been developing program literature, contacting presenters, and contracting with a keynote speaker. Report on Youth Track for conference being planned by Park and Rec, Youth Action, and the Human Relations Commission. Discussion of "brain drain."

5. Office of Neighborhoods update

Eva Yakutis McNiel reported on the report to council of February 11, 2003, re: Strategic Actions for the Eastside and other current activities of the Office of Neighborhoods. Neighborhood groups are encouraged to apply for Neighborhood Matching Grants.

6. Future Agenda Items:

Christina Duran suggested a visit from the new Public Works Director, Brian Nakamura.

7. Other Business/Public comment

- Paul Chavez and Christina Duran reported that the South Coast Air Quality Management District sent a notice to some eastside residents about a soil remediation project planned for Commerce street at the site of an old gas station. Eva Yakutis McNiel to investigate further the status and scope of that project and report back to Mr. Chavez and Ms. Duran.
- Ms. Duran introduced Brenda Cornell who is a resident organizing a youth event for Eastside residents.

8. Next Meeting: April 7, 2003, 6:30pm

9. Meeting adjourned

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